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Community Calendar

Belews Street Vicinity Olde Times Reunion set for July 25-27

The Belews Street Vicinity Olde Times Reunion will have its eighth annual celebration July 25-27. Here's the schedule: July 25 at 7 p.m., dinner, Ivy Arms, 1115 E. Second Street; July 26, 12:30 p.m. until, cookout, Bolton Park; July 27 worship, St. Philips Moravian Church, 30th Street at Bon Air.

All present and former residents of the area bounded by Shuttle, Fogle, Martin L. King (Claremont) and Second Street are invited to share in the festivities and fellowship of one of the oldest communities in East Winston. For further information, contact the president, Elaine G. Shuler, at 722-1841.

Arts institute coming to town

The Institute of Divine Arts is coming to Winston-Salem. Housed at the Winston-Salem Art's Based Elementary School, and the Downtown Middle School during after-school hours, the partnership will allow students to learn techniques in various forms of dance during convenient hours after school between 2:15 p.m. - 6 p.m. The institute provides morally-driven instruction delivered through studio-style classes, workshops, and presentations. If you would like additional information regarding services offered through the Institute of Divine Arts, please contact Angela at 391-8065.

Auditions scheduled for "Men on the Wall"

The Sinai Players of Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center will hold auditions for "Men on the Wall," an all-male melodrama of real men in search of a real God. Character age ranges: 18-55 years. Some singing is involved. Auditions will be held Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays July 14-31 - Mondays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mount Sinai Full Gospel Deliverance Center is at 2721 Manchester Street. Call 722-2624 for your audition time.

Get your high school diploma during night school

Carter G. Woodson School is enrolling for its night high school diploma program (grades 9-12) beginning Aug. 11.

Carter G. Woodson is an accredited/licensed public school by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. It has operated since 1997, offering quality education for grades K-12. As a public school, there are no costs for your attendance.

Individuals aged 16-20 can call the school at 723-6383 to enroll and to get more information. Limited English proficient individuals are encouraged to enroll.

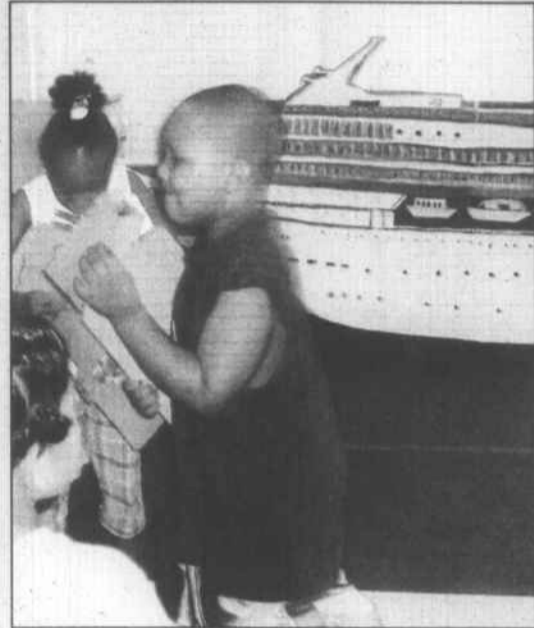
The school offers: small class sizes, individualized learning, N.C. Standard Course of Study curriculum, evening class from 5-7 o'clock and a caring atmosphere.

Enrollment forums will be held at Carter G. Woodson School on July 19 and July 26 at 10:30 a.m. Call 723-6838 to confirm attendance. The school is at 437 Goldfloss Street.

Around the world in one day



Lillian McQueen encourages these young starlets to shine on stage at The Apollo on their pretend visit to New York City.



Hawaii is only a boat ride away for these preschoolers, who line up to board a mini cruise ship.

Youngsters learn about famous places without ever leaving the classroom

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

Preschoolers at the Sarah Y. Austin Head Start Center spent last week traveling the country with their teachers, sort of. From Hollywood to Hawaii, New Orleans to New Mexico, these youngsters saw the country's most famous sites without leaving the classroom.

Head Start is a federally-funded preschool developmental enrichment program that serves at-risk minority children in the community. The Sarah Austin Center, which serves nearly 500 children, is one of five Head Start sites in Forsyth County. There are over 900,000 children in more than 2,500 Head Start programs in the country.

Lucia Smith-Spencer is the Head Start teacher who came up with the idea for the Travel Week theme at the center. She said she and the

rest of the staff enjoyed getting in on the act of transforming the classrooms into airports, train stations and ports.

"They learn about banking and using their money, transportation and getting from one place to another. Some of them had never heard of Hawaii. They really learn a lot," Smith-Spencer said.

One group of preschoolers was boarding a cruise ship in Atlanta, while Marcellus Sunday, male/parent involvement specialist with Head Start, was explaining that the teachers wanted to teach the children about traveling outside of their hometown. With paper suitcases, boarding passes and cash in hand, the children set sail for Hawaii.

"They're actually learning and experiencing how to leave home and go somewhere," Sunday said.

Parents were notified of

their children's (imaginary) travel itineraries beforehand so that they could help them to pack accordingly for their trip.

The Apollo is a must-see



Renna

stop when visiting the Big Apple. One class got its turn on stage as the children sang and danced for their classmates. Another group of trav-

elers sampled some salmon while in Alaska, where the temperature was much cooler than the Carolinas. Some petite travelers also dined at Spago's, a famous Beverly Hills eatery, and shopped at designer boutiques while in Los Angeles. A makeshift beach scene was constructed in one classroom so the kids could pretend to dip their toes in the Pacific ocean.

Shelia Rucker, a Head Start teacher, said both the teachers and kids have enjoyed the week of make-believe traveling.

"They're using their cognitive skills and learning about the culture in California. These are a lot of things that some of these kids have never experienced before. We want to let them see beyond Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and learn there's a big world out there," Rucker said.

Al Renna, CEO of Family Services, accompanied some

of the children on their travels Friday morning. Family Services is a nonprofit agency that administers a number of comprehensive programs and services - including Head Start - in Forsyth, Davie and Stokes counties. Renna said he enjoys the opportunity to mingle with the preschoolers and show some support for the teachers.

"I think it's a wonderful experience for them to have. It makes them realize that there's a world bigger than the one that they live in. They learn how people can take charge of themselves and put themselves in different places and how a society works," Renna said.

Republicans are proposing a Head Start Reauthorization Bill that would increase learning standards for preschoolers and training for teachers as well as give some states the option to manage

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Students at the Sarah Austin Head Start Center celebrate the city of New Orleans during Travel Week.



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